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In re application of:

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2003, Applicants hereby elect specie 1 and sub-specie 4 directed at Figs. 5A and 2D respectively. Applicants believe that claims 1-3, 7, 34-43, 46-52, 77-86, 106, 107 and 112 read on this election.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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